GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1641
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2004
SUGAR PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a)the State-wise number of operational sugar mills in the country which have started sugar production in the current crushing season;

(b)the State-wise number of closed sugar mills as on date and the reasons for their closure;

(c)the remedial measures being taken to revive the closed mills; and

(d)the target fixed for production of sugar during the current crushing season?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b):State-wise, number of operational and closed sugar mills in the country during the current crushing season 2003-04 are at Annexure.

The closure of sugar mills is attributable to a variety of factors such as inadequate sugarcane availability, uneconomical size, old age, bad condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial deficiency etc.

(c):It is the responsibility of the entrepreneur to take to reopen/revive the closed sugar mills. The sick sugar mills belonging to private and public sectors are covered under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies(Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA). Such sugar mills are required to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) whenever their accumulated losses become equal to or more than the net-worth. If the rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR provide for any relief/concession from this Ministry, the same is considered as per the existing guidelines.

As regards the cooperative sugar mills a Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) to consider the proposals of the potentially viable sick sugar mills of this sector.

(d):No targets are fixed for production of sugar. However, the production of sugar during the current crushing season 2003-2004 (Oct.-Sept.) is likely to be around 138 lakh tonnes.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARED QUESTION NO.1641 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19TH JULY, 2004 IN LOK SABHA

STATEMENT SHOWING STATEWISE OPERATED, CLOSED AND TOTAL INSTALLED SUGAR MILLS DURING THE SUGAR SEASON 2003-04 (OCT.-SEPT.)

Sl. No.	STATE	OPERATED SUGAR MILLS	CLOSED SUGAR MILLS	TOTAL INSTALLED SUGAR MILLS
(1)		(2)		(1+2)
1	PUNJAB	22	1	23
2	HARYANA	15	-	15
3	RAJASTHAN	1	2	3
4	UTTAR PRADESH	101	19	120

5	UTTARANCHAL	10	-	10
6	MADHYA PRADESH	6	5	11
7	CHATTISGARH	1	-	1
8	GUJARAT	15	7	22
9	MAHARASHTRA	136	49	185
10	BIHAR	10	18	28
11	ASSAM	-	3	3
12	ORISSA	4	4	8
13	WEST BENGAL	1	1	2
14	NAGALAND	-	1	1
15	ANDHRA PRADESH	28	14	42
16	KARNATAKA	34	13	47
17	TAMIL NADU	34	4	38
18	PONDICHERRY	1	1	2
19	KERALA	-	2	2
20	GOA	1	-	1
	ALL INDIA	420	144	564